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6. (Internal Use Only - PLC) Discussed with Doug Marvin on the staff of Senator Roman L. Hruska (R., Neb.), S. 2543, which amends the Freedom of Information Act, and left with him a brief rationale on the Agency's position. Marvin has been meeting with Tom Sussman, Senator Edward M. Kennedy's (D., Mass.) staff man on the bill, and they have agreed to certain amendments. These primarily involve the procedures for processing requests under the Act. Sussman will not agree to an amendment to establish a criteria for the in camera court review of classified information. This will be submitted by Hruska for Committee consideration when it meets on the bill. Marvin suggested that it would be best if Senator John L. McClellan (D., Ark.) introduced our proposal for an exemption based on the Director's statutory responsibility. He felt it best that these positions be separate. I subsequently met with Paul Summitt, Senator McClellan's staff man on the Judiciary Committee, and gave him a copy of our rationale. Summitt is not sure of Senator McClellan's position but he was firm that the Senator would protect the Agency's interests and will probably discuss the Director's letter to him before the Committee. He made it clear, as did Marvin, that the political climate is such that even if the Committee supports our position, we may very well lose by amendments on the Senate floor or in conference. I also left a copy of our rationale for Tom Hart, Senator Robert C. Byrd's (D., W. Va.) staff man, for his use in briefing the Senator. Hart was on leave and will return Monday. Indications are the bill will be considered next week, probably Wednesday.

7. (Internal Use Only - PLC) Called the office of George Gilbert, OMB, in response to their request for the Agency's comments by noon today on proposed testimony on S. 1988, "Interior Fisheries Zone Extension and Management Act of 1973," by Howard W. Pollock, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. In Gilbert's absence, I left a message with his secretary that the Agency's role with the NSC Interagency Task Force, which has been commenting on the bill, has been purely in a staff capacity and that we have no separate views on the merits of the legislation. Before calling OMB, the Agency position was discussed with [redacted] OBG, STATINTL who is the CIA member of the Task Force.

8. (Internal Use Only - RJK) Delivered to the offices of Senators Edward M. Kennedy (D., Mass.), Hugh Scott (R., Pa.), William D. Hathaway (D., Me.), Alan Bible (D., Nev.), and William V. Roth, Jr. (R., Del.) [redacted] items in which their names were mentioned.

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